

Proclamation Presented

In Recognition of Perioperative Nurse Week

WHEREAS, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) is the national association committed to improving patient safety in the surgical setting; AORN is the premier resource for perioperative nurses, advancing the profession and the professional with valuable guidance, as well as networking and resource-sharing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses' (AORN) mission is "to promote safety and optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures by providing practice support and professional development opportunities to perioperative nurses"; and

WHEREAS, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) promotes safe patient care and is recognized as an authority for safe operating room practices and a definitive source for information and guiding principles that support day-to-day perioperative nursing practice; and

WHEREAS, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) understands the importance of perioperative registered nurses; perioperative nurses assess the patient's needs prior to surgery, arranges a plan for the patient's care after surgery and prepares the operating room and patient for surgery; and

WHEREAS, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) will celebrate *Perioperative Nurse Week* from November 7-13, 2011; *Perioperative Nurse Week* will honor and recognize perioperative nurses for their important role and commitment to safe patient care;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of November 7-13, 2011 as

"PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to recognize the valuable medical contributions of perioperative nurses and the optimum care they provide to our communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this third day of October, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i